GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:173
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PROCUREMENT OF SPARE PARTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any strategy to lessen the dependence of Indian Air Force on supply of spare parts by foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to get rid of such problems; and

(d) the measures adopted to achieve self reliance in this field?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 173 FOR 29.11.2001

With a view to reducing the dependence of the Indian Air Force on foreign countries for the supply of spare parts, a Committee with representatives of the Indian Air Force (IAF), the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Defence Research & Developmen Organisation (DRDO), Defence Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Inspection and Certification agencies like Centre for Militar Air Worthiness Certification (CEMILAC) & Director General Aeronautics Quality & Assurance (DGAQA), as members, has bee constituted to look into the requirement of spares for IAF and the feasibility of their indigenous development.

2. The Indian Air Force has also taken an initiative to collaborate with the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Society of Indiar Aerospace Technology and Industries (SIATI) and Small Scale Industries (SSI) in organising indigenisation seminars in various parts of the country so as to include private sector industries for indigenous development, production & supply of requisite items. The vendor base for the supply of indigenous items to the IAF has risen during the last about four years from 151 to 1500. While a dent has been made in terms of low value/low quantum items like nuts, bolts, screws, washers, some electronic items rubberized items etc, efforts are underway to include medium/high-tech and high volume items. This is a continuous process and as new systems get inducted, parallel action towards indigenisation also keeps getting initiated.